

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 437

May 15, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to create and maintain a single, searchable budget database Web site that details to whom and for whose benefit state expenditures are made; when or at what time or times state expenditures are made; where or at what localities or entities state expenditures are made; why or for what purpose state expenditures are made; and what results are achieved in making state expenditures.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$250,000/One-Time
Exceeds \$150,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Other states have either implemented similar legislation or have seriously considered implementing similar legislation. The estimated costs vary widely from state-to-state, ranging from \$0 as estimated by the State of Illinois and several others, up to \$1,000,000 as estimated by the State of North Dakota. The State of Kansas initially estimated \$40,000,000, but based on certain public information actual costs for Kansas have been somewhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000.
- Alaska estimated their costs to be \$5,000; Nebraska estimated \$39,000; Nevada estimated \$136,000; Utah estimated \$192,000; Missouri estimated \$293,140; Oklahoma estimated \$300,000; Pennsylvania estimated \$456,850; and Louisiana appropriated \$1,000,000 for such purposes.
- This resolution urges that any such database Web site be searchable and capable of aggregating information by recipient, time of receipt, for what purpose funds are expended, and the results of making expenditures.
- Based on the technical requirements for the searchable database Web site, the one-time increase to state expenditures for the initial creation of the Web site is reasonably estimated to exceed \$250,000. The

increase to recurring state expenditures for maintenance, support services, firewall security, server space, data entry, and any potential licensing agreements, is reasonably estimated to exceed \$150,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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